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Pennsylvania Railroad Offers $100 Prize for Best Name for Steamer

Community Advertising Committee Designated To Handle Contest Which Opens Tomorrow and To Continue Two Weeks

The Pennsylvania Railroad has accepted the challenge of one William Shakespeare's "What's in a name," by stating explicitly that there is at least $100 in it, for some thoughtful individual in these parts.

The Pennsylvania is offering a prize of $100 for the best name for its $1,000,000 passenger and automobile ferry, being built to run between Norfolk, Old Point and Cape Charles and scheduled to begin operations in June of this year. The contest will start tomorrow and run for two weeks, and is open to anybody.

A committee of the Norfolk Advertising Board has been designated to handle the contest. The committee is composed of Francis E. Turin, chairman, G. Leslie Hall, F. H. Hodges, Harry Teague, C. H. Hoofnagle, D. C. Carr and H. H. Knickerbocker.

Rules of Contest

The rules of the contest are as follows:

Any person who desires to try for the $100 prize may do so by selecting a name for the new steamer. Write it on a piece of paper, with name and address of the contestant, and mail it to the following address:

Pennsylvania R. R. Steamer Contest,
Francis E. Turin, chairman,
Care of the Virginian-Pilot.

This newspaper will receive the names and turn them over to Mr. Turin's committee, it being understood that the Virginian-Pilot will act only in this capacity.

One individual may submit as many names as he desires. Mr. Turin's committee, when all the names are in, will select what it regards as the three best suggestions, and will turn them over to the railroad authorities. The latter will select the best name of the three for the prize winner.

It is stipulated, however, that the railroad authorities will have to approve the name selected before the prize can be awarded. Only one prize will be given. In case more than one person submits the name that is selected as most suited to the situation, the person whose letter containing the name was received by the committee first will be designated as the winner. Only the one prize will be awarded.

New Steamer Plans

The new steamer, to operate in the passenger service between Cape Charles and Norfolk will be a new departure in construction. It will be 320 feet long, will have ferry space for 75 automobiles, and will make the trip somewhat quicker from Cape Charles to Norfolk than the present steamers make it. The contract price for the vessel is about $800,000, but the fixtures and equipment are expected to bring the total up to the round $1,000,000.

The new steamer will be of all steel construction, 300 feet long with 50-foot beam. She will be propelled by two triple expansion four-cylinder engines, driving twin screws. Four coal-burning boilers will provide steam power. A total of 2,400 horsepower will be generated, giving the vessel an average speed of 18 miles per hour. The hull will be built entirely of steel as well as the sides of the ship up to the upper or passenger deck.

She will have three decks, the two upper decks being devoted to passengers and the lower deck for automobiles or freight. The dining room will accommodate 72 persons and all other modern facilities will be provided.

BYRD TO DELIVER TWO MESSAGES TO ASSEMBLY MONDAY

Taxation and Educational System Speeches To Be Broadcast By Station WRVA

Richmond, Jan. 14.—(AP)—The Virginia General Assembly will resume business Monday at noon after a recess of two working days.

Personal delivery of two messages by Governor Harry F. Byrd will be the high light of the day, with the first dealing with taxation and the second discussing the educational system.

The opening week of the 1928 session was quiet. Perfect harmony marked the organization of the two houses. The Democratic caucuses were "love feasts" and the last session of the House on Thursday was converted into a meeting of the "matrimonial committee" with handsome presents being distributed to the four legislative bridegrooms.

The second week is not expected to be so peaceful. The battle over the judgeship of the Hustings Court of Richmond is scheduled to come to the front Tuesday afternoon when the joint Democratic caucus will decide the issue between Judge Kirk Mathews, incumbent, and Police Justice John L. Ingram, the contesting aspirant.

Another matter that some solons say may cause debate is that of the confirmation of William Meade Fletcher, of Rappahannock, to the State Corporation Commission appointment which will be communicated formally to the General Assembly early in the week. Mr. Fletcher is given the position now held by Commissioner Berkley D. Adams, veteran member of the commission and its chairman.

Speaker Thomas W. Ozlin will announce his committee appointments Monday. Delegate Ashton Dovell, of Williamsburg, will head the committee on privileges and elections. This will make him floor leader for the session. Delegate George W. Bowles, of Goochland, will be chairman of the roads committee. The courts of justice committee will be headed again by Delegate James H. Price, of Richmond. The election of Delegate Robert O. Norris, of Lancaster, to the Senate last Tuesday leaves a vacancy in the chairmanship of the committee on general laws.

The Governor's messages Monday will take up the whole period. He will read both messages which will be broadcast over station WRVA. The two messages combined will not be as lengthy as the initial message delivered Wednesday, it has been announced.

One of the Governor's messages will deal with the educational system. This will be followed on Wednesday by the introduction of sheaf bills to put into effect recommendations made by the Barton commission in regard to institutions of higher learning in the Old Dominion.

Among other reports expected at an early date is that of the seafood commission. There will be majority and minority reports from this commission.

REPUBLICANS PICK ROANOKE FOR MEET

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